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Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims by adding new claim 30 and amending the specification to render it consistent with the newly added claim. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendment. Further examination and consideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Restriction

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to what is asserted to be patentably distinct species of the invention. The Examiner further asserts that none of the claims are generic.

Applicants provisionally elect the species depicted in Figure 1, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 15, 20-21, and 30 read on the embodiment depicted in Figure 1.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that at least claim 1 is generic to the asserted species of Figures 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 & 8. To better illustrate how claim 1 reads on the identified species, it is reproduced below with the addition of "reference letters" corresponding to respective elements in the respective figures, copies of which are attached in the Appendix. With particular reference to Figure 7, it should be noted that this figure shows only one half of a core which is a mirror image of the second half of the core.

Claim 1

A core (A) for a multi-phase transformer, said core including a body (B) made of two or more rings (C,D) having a common central axis (E), each ring consisting (C,D) of a strip of magnetic permeable material wound about said central axis (E), said body (B) provided with a plurality of windows (F) bound by opposed axially extending legs (G) and opposed circumferentially extending branches (H) wherein said branches (H) of each window are provided in respective axially adjacent rings (C,D), said branches (H) and legs (G) of each

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window defining a closed magnetic circuit (I) of substantially uniform magnetic permeability through which magnetic flux can circulate about said windows(F).

Similarly, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 30 is generic to the embodiments depicted in all figures, except for the embodiment of Figure 4.

Conclusion

Restriction to the identified species is improper because at least claim 1 is generic to the species of Figures 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 & 8, and claim 30 is generic to the species of all figures, except Figure 4. Any questions concerning the foregoing can be addressed in the interview.

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